

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Space Launch Complex

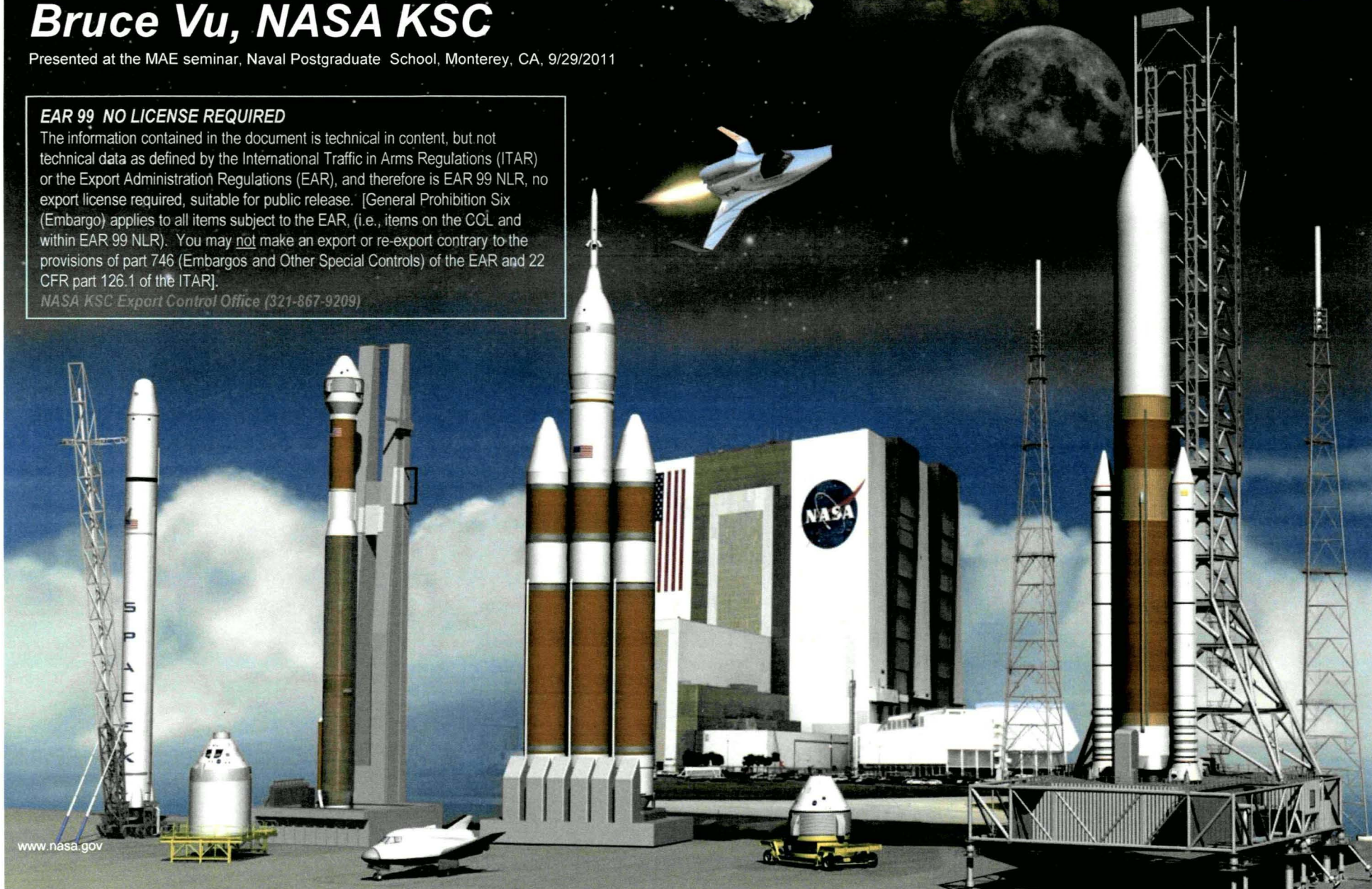
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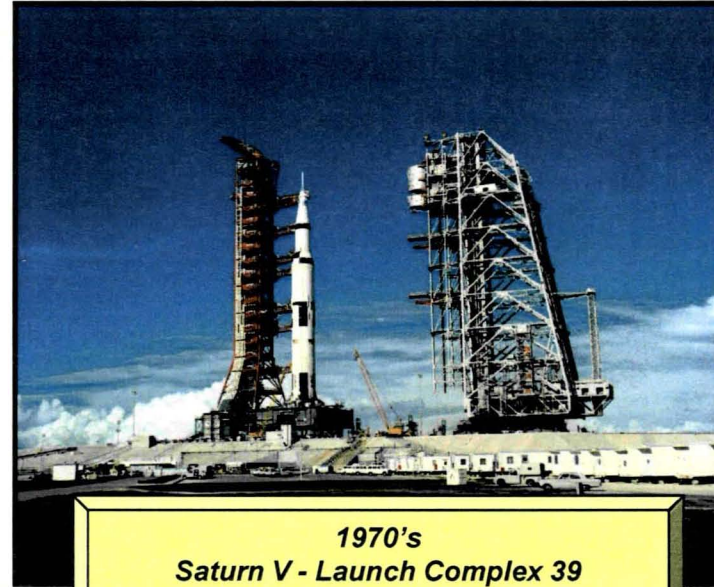




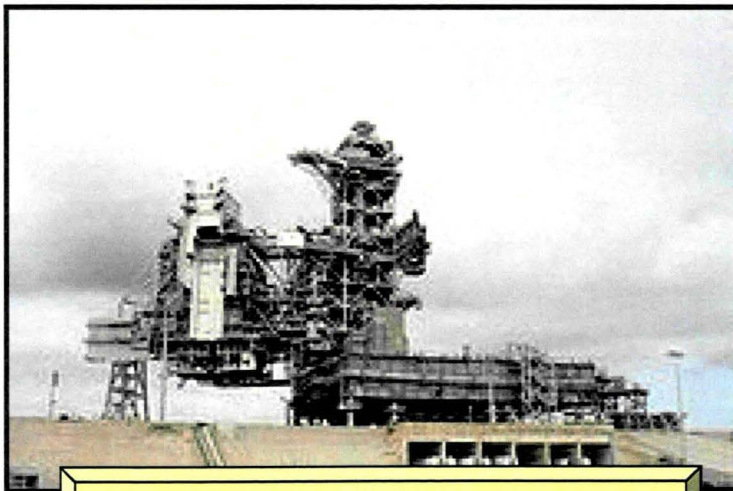
# Kennedy Space Center, 1950-2011



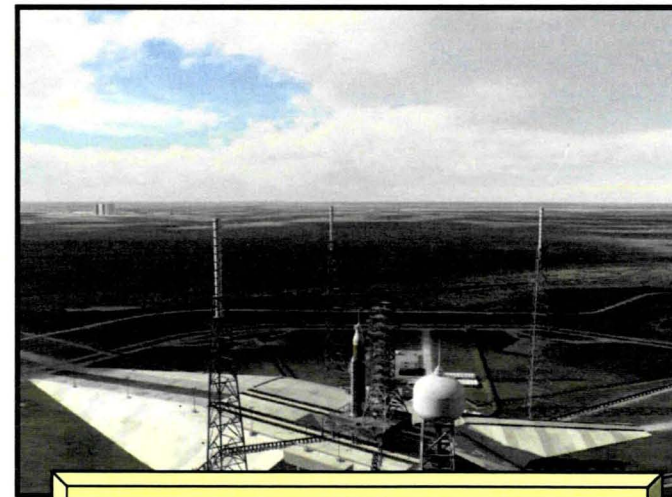
1950's  
ICBM Row



1970's  
Saturn V - Launch Complex 39



1980's - 2000's  
Space Shuttle - Launch Complex 39

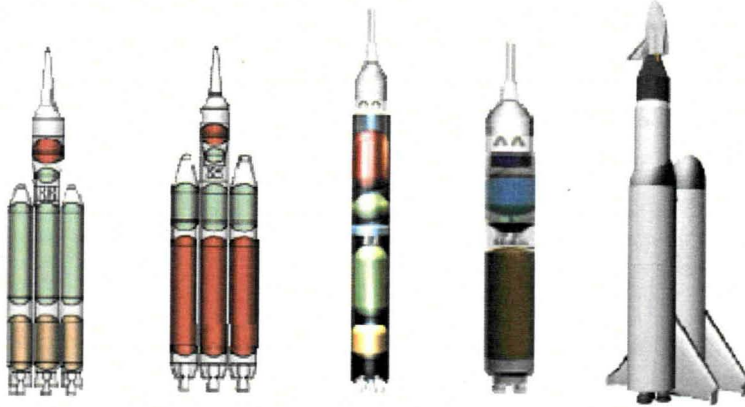


2010's  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Space Launch Complex



# Launch Vehicle Concepts and Architectures

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Expendable Launch Vehicles



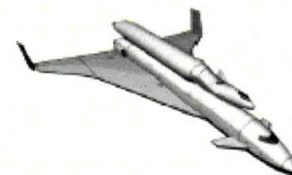
SSTO-Rocket



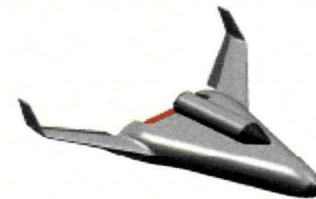
SSTO-AB/Rocket



Partially Reusable



Fully Reusable

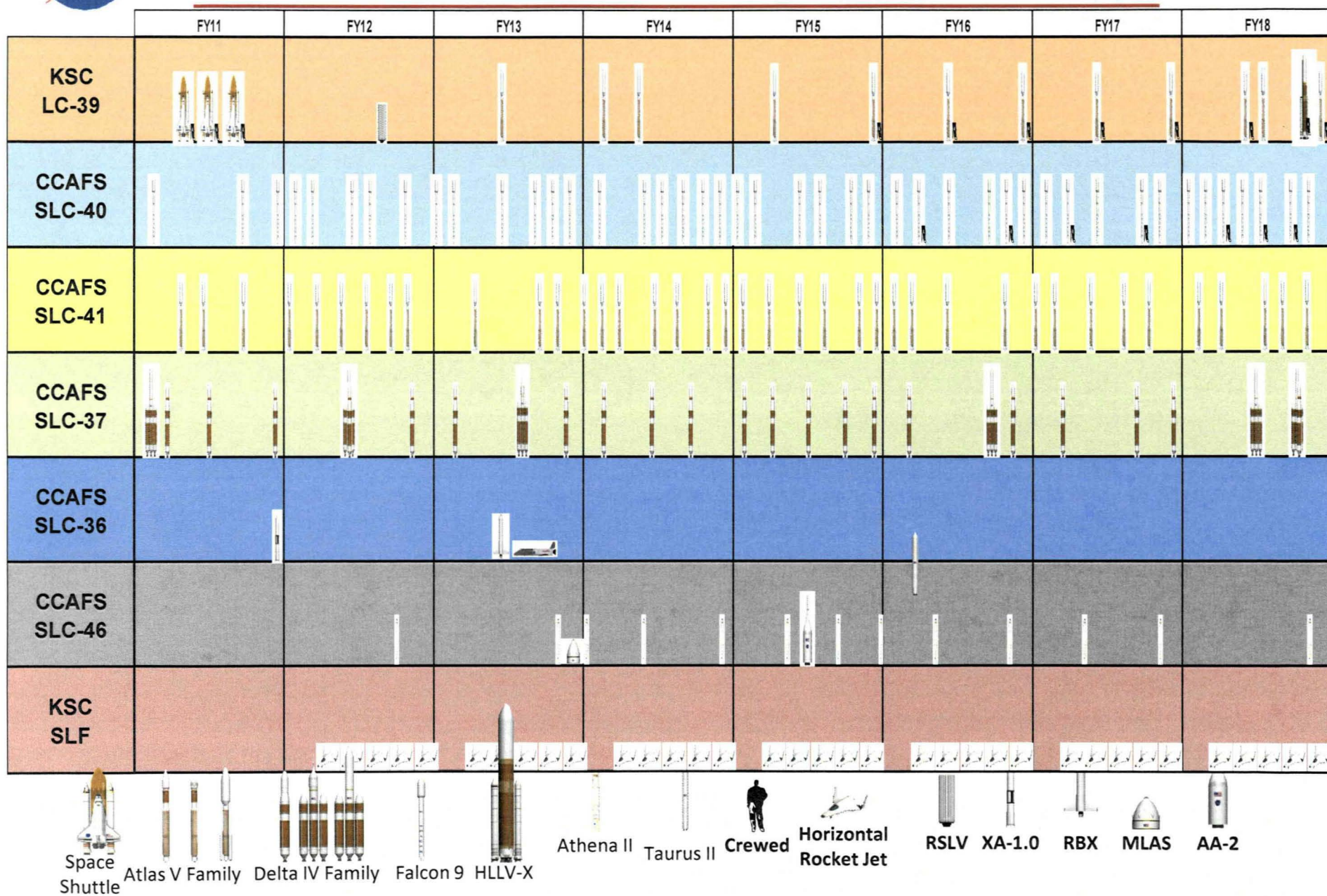


Architectures are High-Level System Descriptions With Relatively Little Detail





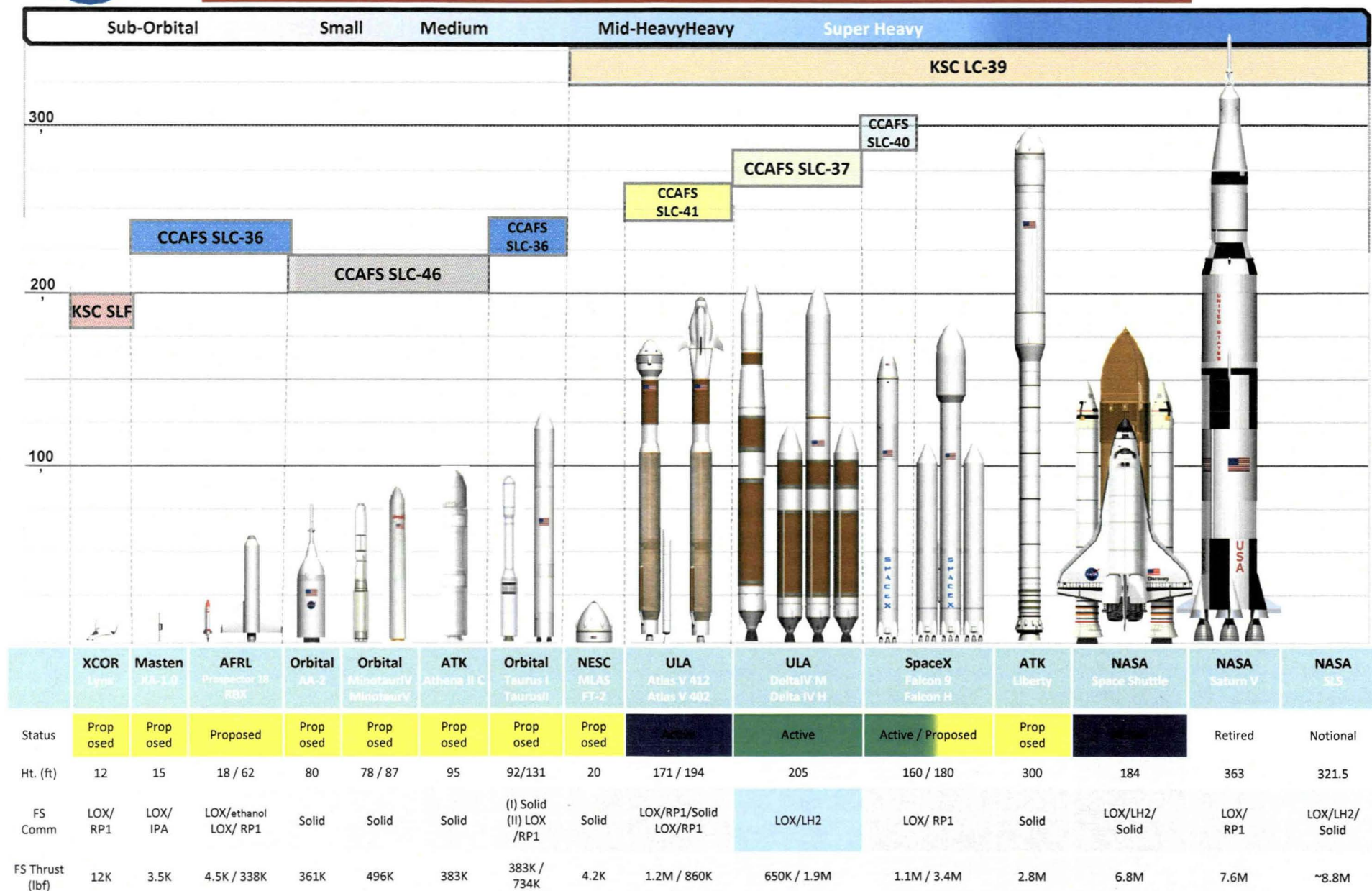
# Notional Launch Manifest







# Launch Capability



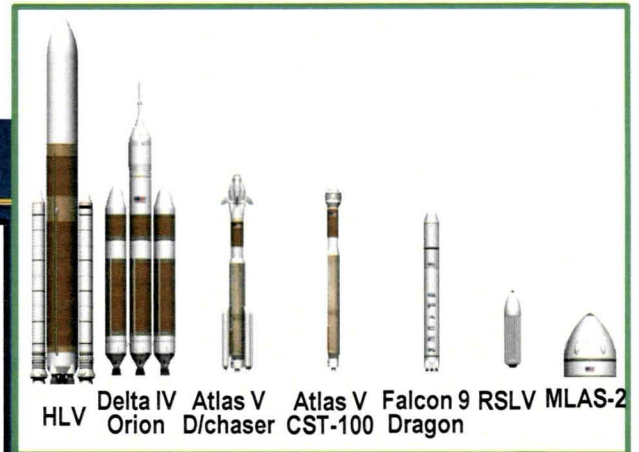
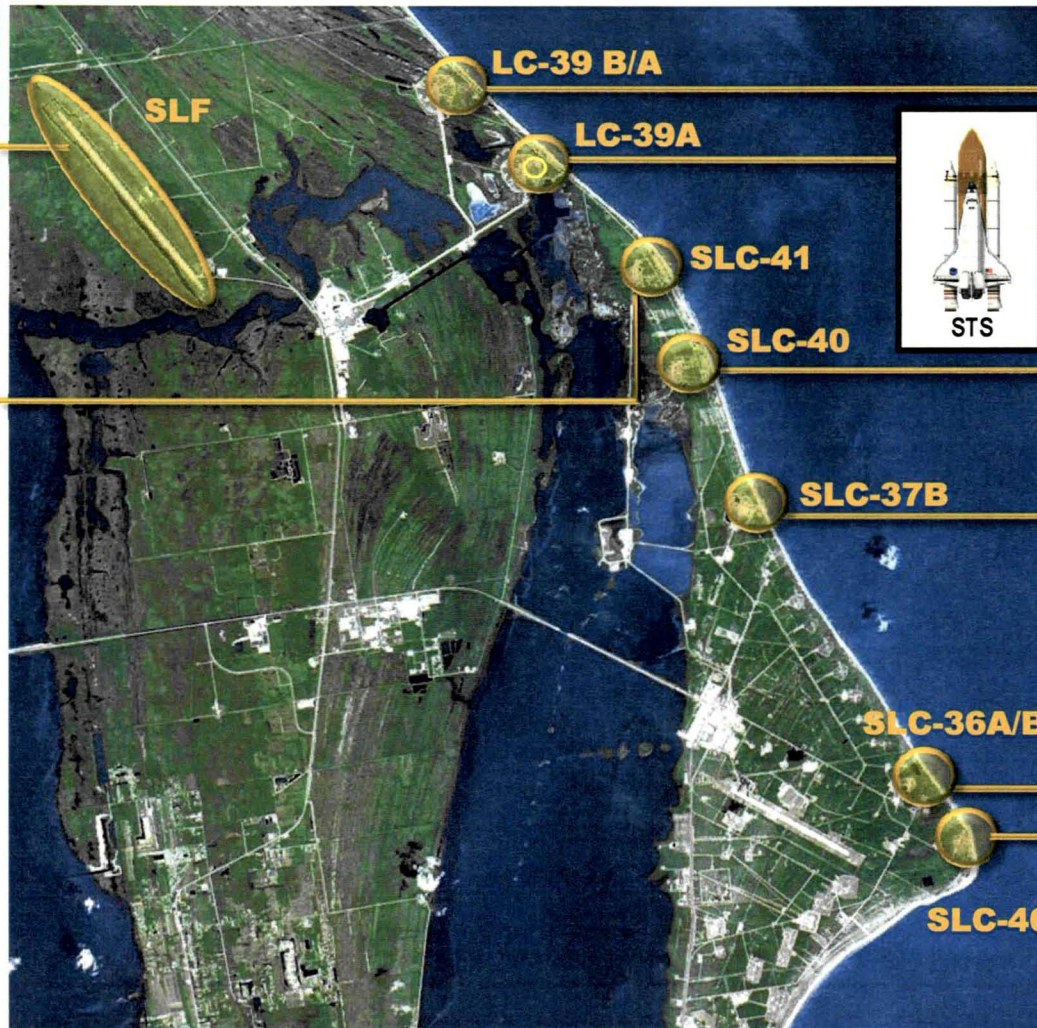
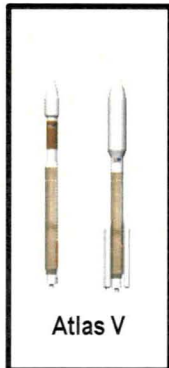
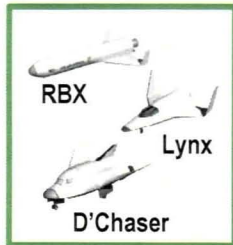




# Launch Site for Every Vehicle

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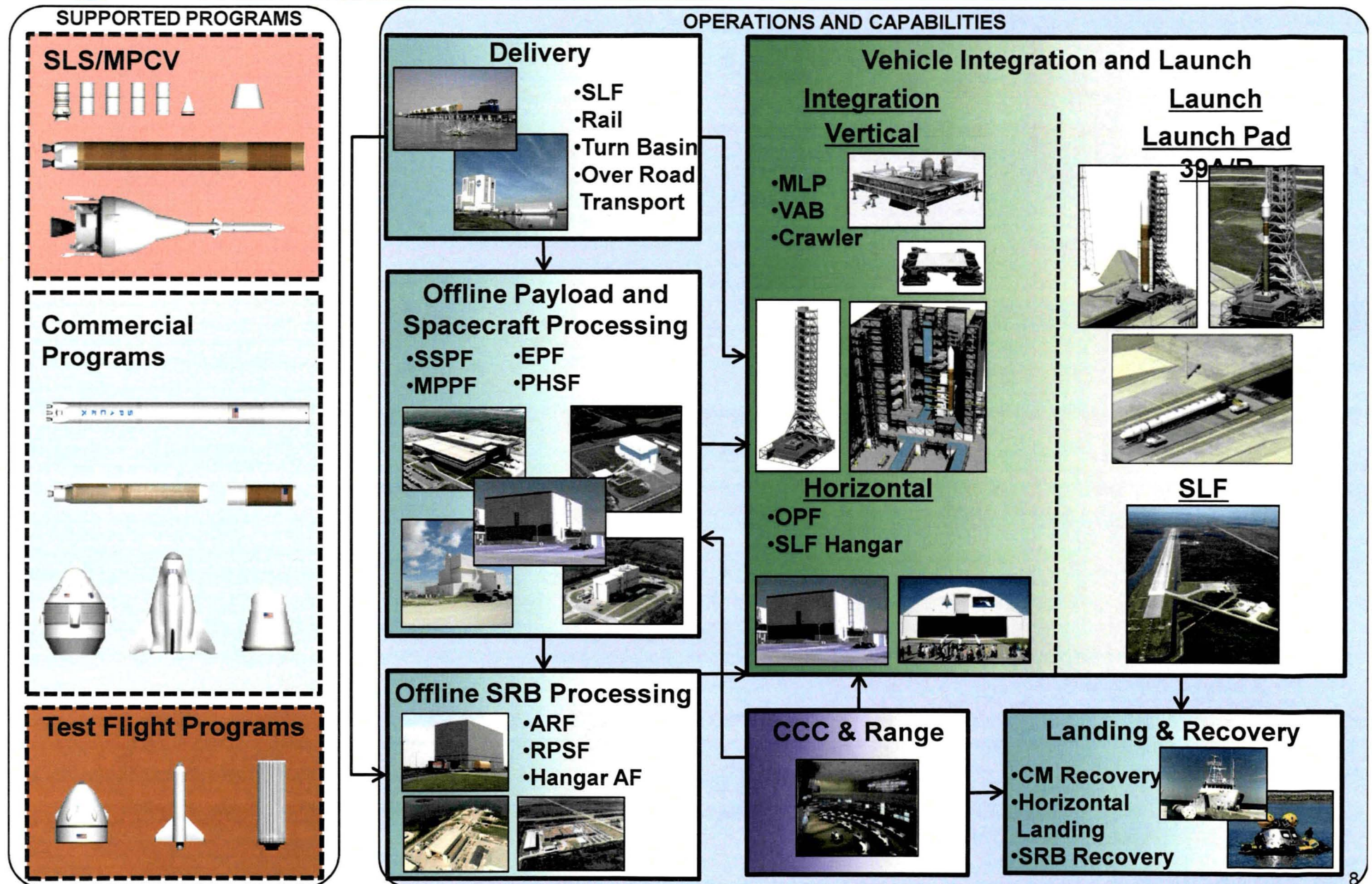
Potential







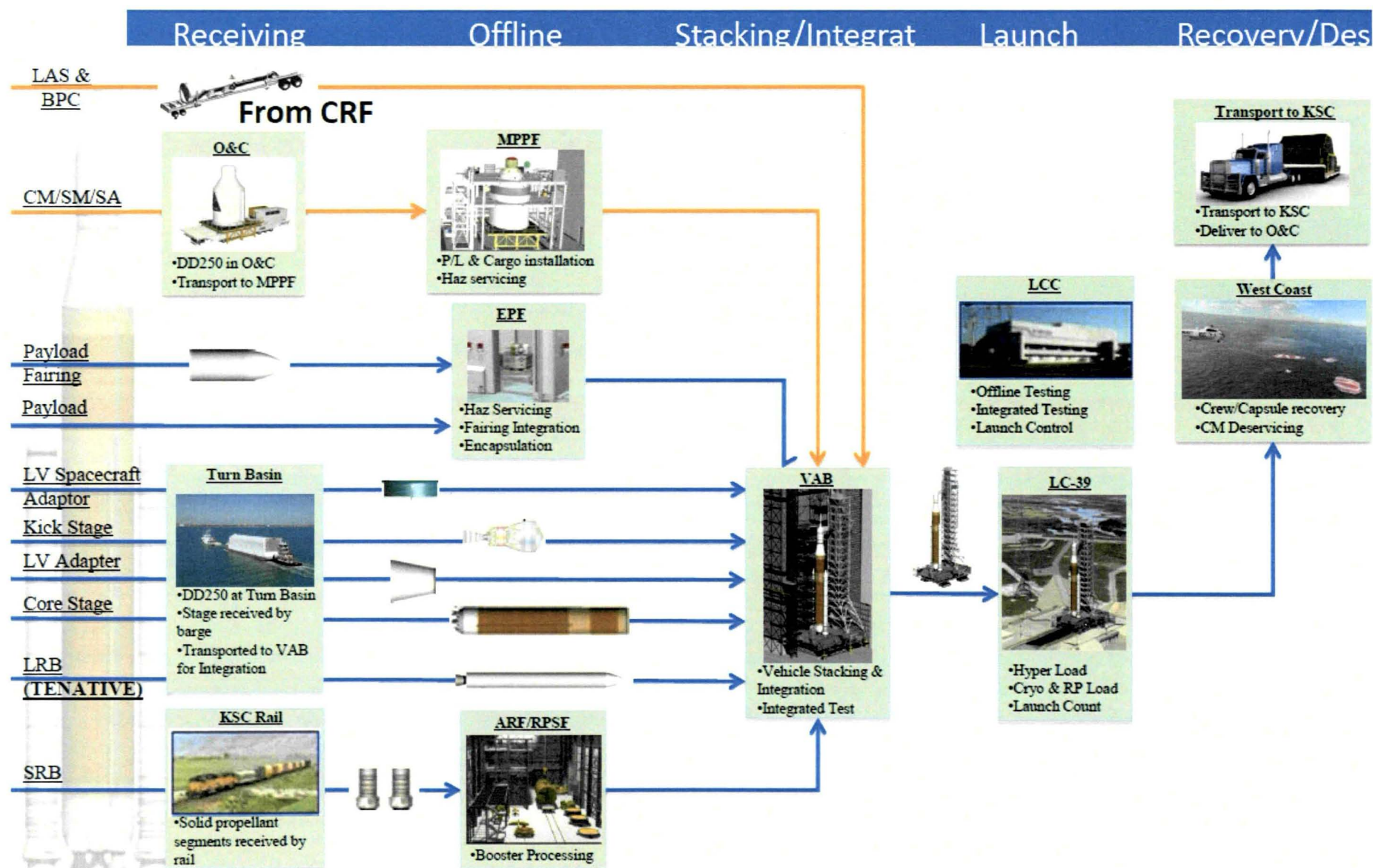
# Launch Complex Concept of Operations







# SLS Vehicle Configuration Concept of Operations



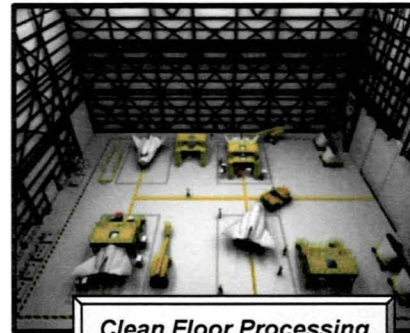




# Flexible Approach



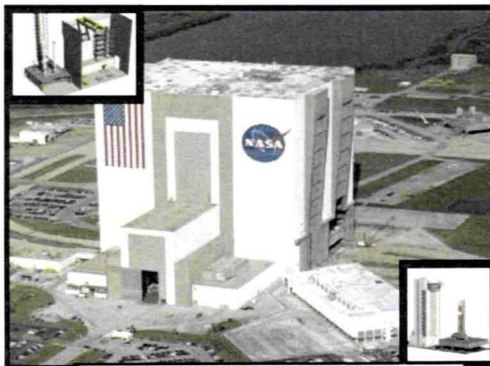
*Horizontal Launch & Landing*



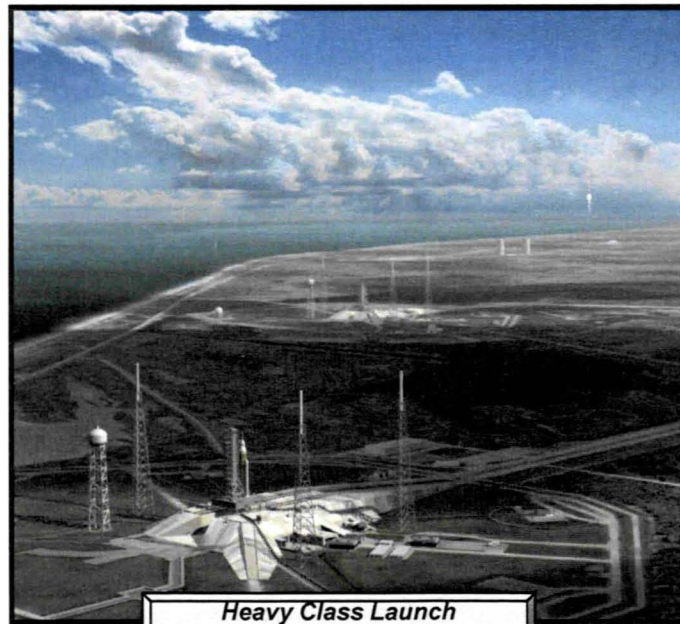
*Clean Floor Processing*



*Small Vehicle Launch*



*Multi-Use Integration*



*Heavy Class Launch Capability*

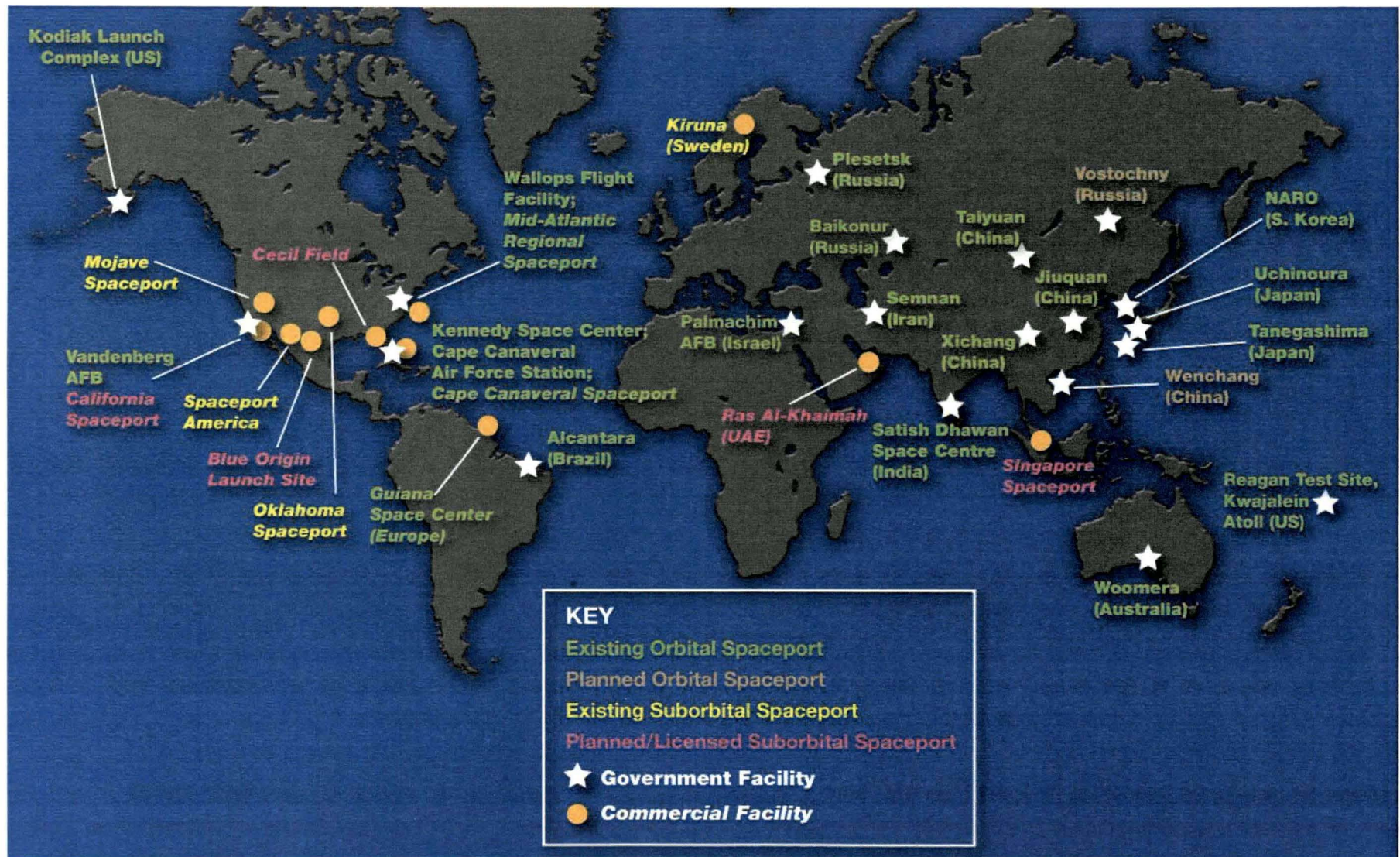


*Flexible Launch Capability*





# Spaceports around the World







## **NASA programs and Commercial Partnerships**

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- ◆ **NASA programs (SLS, MPCV, LSP, ISS) continue to be the core business of Kennedy Space Center**
- ◆ **Commercial partnerships expand the portfolio of KSC activities and provide opportunities for growth**
- ◆ **Both operating modes complement each other**
  - Low Risk: Programs allow NASA to push the boundaries and develop new capabilities
  - Low Cost: Commercial entities drive down costs for established capabilities and expand the space industry
- ◆ **The future KSC combines the best attributes of each to become the location of choice for all Space Commerce**





## **KSC Directorates and Commercial Partnerships**

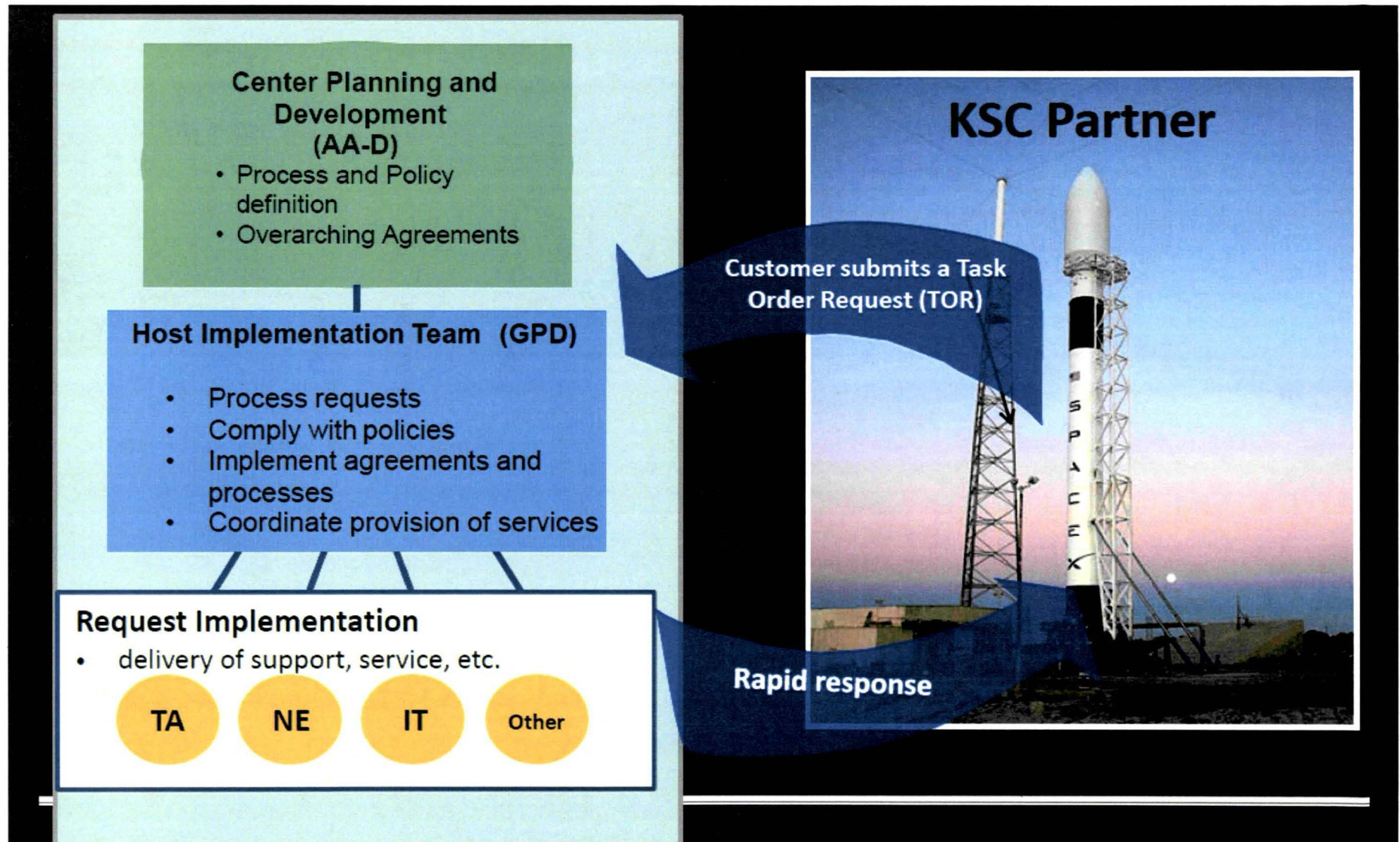
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- ◆ **Chief Counsel Office (CC) provides legal guidance**
- ◆ **GG provides center-wide costing and financial guidance**
- ◆ **Center Operations (TA) provides institutional coordination during partnership development and implementation**
- ◆ **EX and PA help coordinate the Center's interaction/messaging with the public, legislators, and media**
- ◆ **IT has a strong involvement in modeling and simulation used to secure partnerships and forward planning for new tenants at KSC**
- ◆ **21<sup>st</sup> Century Ground Systems Program provides multi-use architecture studies for KSC master planning**
- ◆ **FA administers CCDev program**
- ◆ **LX, UB, PH, VA and NE provide engineering expertise to evaluate and develop partnership**
- ◆ **GPD is designed as the primary implementing organization for sign partnerships**





## Partnership Example







## Summary

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### ◆ Features of a 21 CSLC

- Flexibility to support evolving launch vehicles and spacecraft
- Standard interfaces to support multiple customer needs
- Enhance Range capability and flexibility
- Reconfigurable processing areas and control rooms
- Revitalized infrastructure

### ◆ KSC is open for Business

- KSC workforce is shifting to accommodate a multi-user commercial capability in addition to traditional large programs
- Commercial interaction will lead to improved internal customer focus
- Implementing technologies to overcome constraints for flexible, multi-use concepts and cost sharing
- Collaborating with NASA, DoD and commercial Programs